



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re Application of James A. Sievert
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Component Object Model
Interfaces
Serial No.: 09/422,018

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File No.: RA 5236 (USYS.007PA)
Customer # 27516

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SUBJECT: ISSUE FEE FOR RA 5236 (USYS.007PA)

Dear Sir:

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3790 in the sum of \$1,400.00 to cover payment of the Issue Fee and also the sum of \$3.00 to cover the cost of the 1 extra copy of the patent, which was allowed on March 1, 2006.

Also enclosed is a Response to Statement of Reasons for Allowance, "Fee Address" Indication Form and Submission of Replacement Drawings with two sheets of formal drawings attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance implies that the claimed invention was allowed because the prior art did not disclose certain limitations found in the claims. The limitations characterized by the Examiner, however, if indeed found in the prior art, would not render the claimed invention invalid under 35 USC §102 because the claimed invention includes a number of limitations not addressed in the reasons for allowance. With respect to 35 USC §103, the rigors of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness include not only a showing that the prior art teaches the entire claimed invention (all limitations are to be considered), but also that combining the various prior art references is suggested in the art or that there would be motivation to make the combination. Unless Applicants hear otherwise, the comments herein are, as intended, clarifying in a manner consistent with the law.

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SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are 2 replacement sheets for FIGS. 1, 2A and 2B as required by the Notice of the Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review.

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